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Termination of the services of Hindi Pandits in High schools in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 226 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Hindi Pandits sent out of the various High schools in the Tiruchirappalli district in July and August 1954;

(*b*) the number of such Pandits with a service of over two years in the same school; and

(*c*) the reasons given by the Agencies for such termination of service?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 7, Sir.

" (*b*) 6, Sir.

" (*c*) All the seven teachers did not possess the prescribed qualifications."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, is it a fact that the seven teachers who were sent out were from the District Board schools? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is correct, Sir."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know Sir, why these teachers were sent out in the middle of the year when they could not get employment anywhere else and without sufficient notice? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have no idea. It is a District Board School. We do not know whether they were sent out in the middle of the academic year or at the end of it. They had been employed on a temporary basis till properly qualified pandits were available."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" As there are sufficient provisions in the rules—which are also applicable to the District Board schools—which enable the management to depute the pandits for the Pracharak Diploma training and not throw them out of service, will the Government issue instructions to the local bodies and aided schools to see to it that such persons are sent for training and not removed from service because trained men are available? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The District Boards should have a certain amount of autonomy. They should be able to decide what they could do in such cases. We have prescribed the qualifications and it should be left to the District Boards whether to send the teachers for training or to recruit already trained candidates."

Progress of the Manimuthar Project.

* 227 *Q.*—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement showing the progress of the Manimuthar Project and the expenditure incurred thereon so far?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know the target date for completion of this work? "

THE HON. RAJA SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have not got the date here. It is expected to last for 3½ years. We slowed it down last year just for one year."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Government enlighten us as to whether the promised amount of public contribution has been received? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no contribution but it is only a loan."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know whether Government have prepared a costing to find out what benefit or what return they would be getting on their investment on this project? " 3-20 p.m.

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have not got the figures regarding the return that is expected. But if the hon. Member were to see the statement, he will see the areas and places that will be benefited by this project."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" I want to know what Government will get by way of return."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have not got the figures. But if a separate question is put, I will give the answer."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" (1) I have to announce to the House that the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 3 of 1955), which was passed by the Madras Legislature on the 17th February 1955, received the assent of the President on the 26th February 1955 and has been published as Act No. II of 1955 in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 2nd March 1955.

" (2) I have also to report to the House that a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held at 2-30 p.m. today and it was decided to take up and finish the consideration of the Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-Tax Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 30 of 1954) and the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill,

[a] **Printed as Appendix on pages 549-550 infra.**